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ME469: Common Discretization Approaches: Comparing CVFEM and FEM

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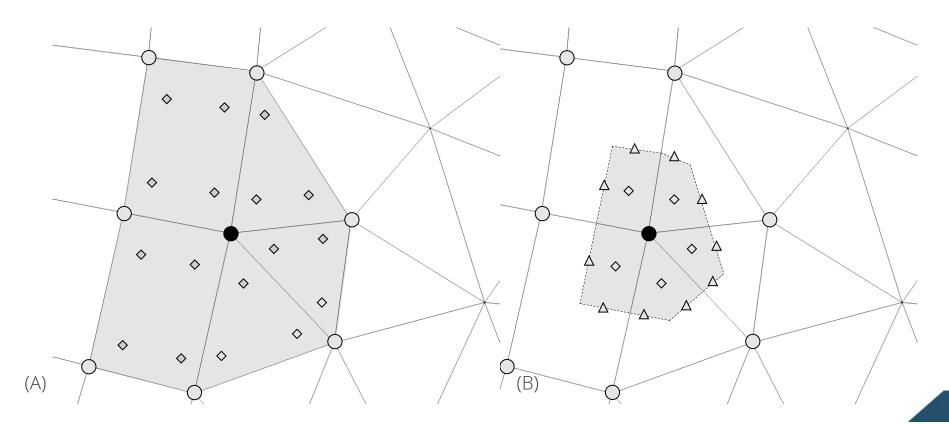
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Element-Based Stencil Comparison

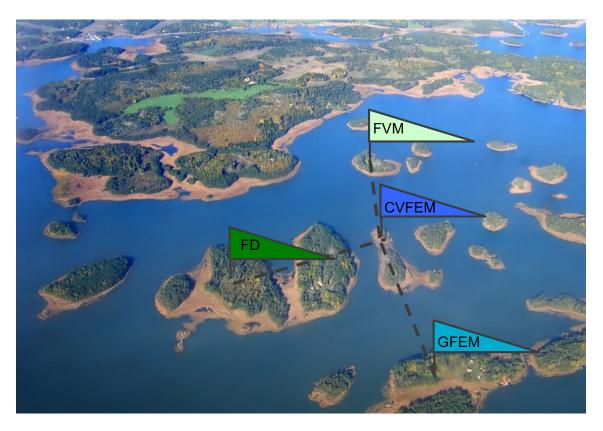
• FEM (A) and CVFEM (B)





Philosophy: Bridges, not Walls

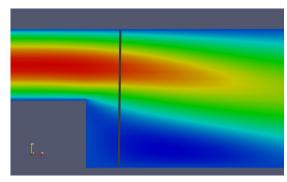
• ME469 Tenant: Let's work to understand how each method relate to one another



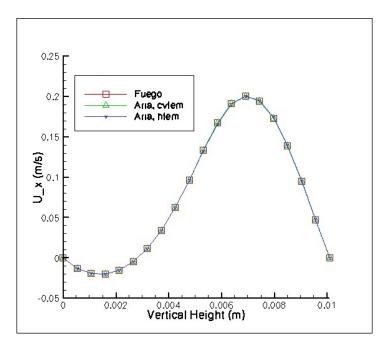


Laminar Backstep

 Laminar back step (Re = 389 based on step height) comparing two code implementations for CVFEM (Sierra/Fuego and Sierra Aria), FEM (within Aria – here termed, "hybrid" FEM, or HFEM – essentially, the same low-Mach CVFEM approach with full integration-by-parts).

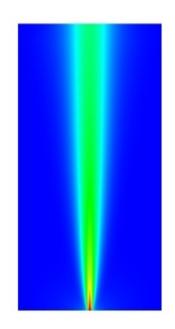


X-component of velocity Vertical line represents one-D line plot location

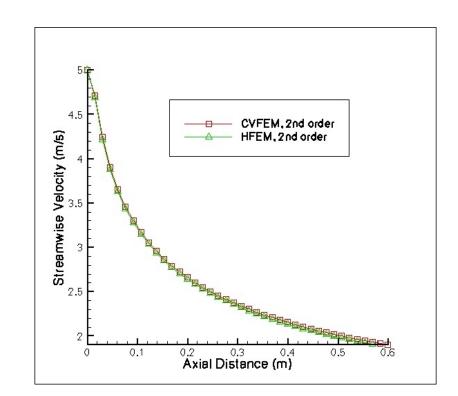




Laminar Jet



Y-component of velocity





Order of Accuracy

- Comparison of a linear underlying basis (nominally, second-order in space)
- Challenging two-dimensional variable density low-Mach flow using method of manufactured solutions; DOFS: u, v, p and Z; density = f(Z)

